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SUBJECT: CANAL ZONE UNION LEADER SEEKS LABOR ANNEX

SUMMARY: IN OPEN LETTER, CANAL ZONE UNION LEADER HAS CALLED ON ZONE WORKERS TO SEEK, THROUGH AFL-CIO, WRITTEN COMMITMENT THAT NEW CANAL TREATY WILL INCLUDE LABOR ANNEX. END SUMMARY.

1. OCTOBER 7, 1975 ISSUE OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PANAMA "STAR AND HERALD" PUBLISHES OPEN LETTER ADDRESSED TO ALL FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN CANAL ZONE BY JAMES J. O'DONNELL, PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 14, AMERICAN FEDERATION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.

2. IN LETTER, O' DONNELL REFERS TO STATEMENT MADE TO HIM IN MEETINGS WITH AMB. BUNKER AND POLCOUNS BLACKEN THAT NOTHING YET DISCUSSED "CONCERNING LABOR PROTECTIONS FOR THE CANAL ZONE WORKER", THEN GOES ON TO QUOTE AT LENGTH FROM TEXT OF "CONCEPTUAL AGREEMENT ON THE PROTECTION AND DEFENSE OF THE CANAL" REGARDING GROWING PANAMANIAN PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING PROGRAMS FOR HIRING OF PERSONNEL, EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCES, ETC. FYI: TEXT FROM WHICH HE QUOTES IS EVIDENTLY A TEXT WHICH WAS CIRCULATED IN PANAMA BY A RADICAL STUDENT GROUP (FSR) LATE LAST MONTH, AND WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATING IN ENGLISH

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TRANSLATION AMONG ZONE RESIDENTS AS WELL. END FYI.

2. O'DONNELL CONTINUES "...IT WOULD APPEAR THAT WE CAN NO LONGER STAND BY AND ACCEPT THE WORD OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT THAT ALL WORKERS, REGARDLESS OF CITIZENSHIP, WILL BE PROTECTED... BEFORE THE NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED MUCH FURTHER WE NEED A STRONG CLARIFICATION CONCERNING LABOR PROTECTIONS FOR OUR EMPLOYEES. WE MUST HAVE A POSITIVE COMMITMENT IN WRITING THAT A LABOR ANNEX WILL BE INCLUDED IN ANY NEW TREATY." LETTER CONCLUDES BY SUGGESTING THAT EMPLOYEES CONTACT NATIONAL OFFICE OF AFL-CIO TO PROTEST "LACK OF SINCERE CONSULTATIONS" WITH ZONE LABOR MOVEMENT AND LACK OF LABOR ANNEX TO TREATY WHICH WOULD PROTECT ALL WORKERS, AND ALSO THAT EMPLOYEES WRITE CONGRESSMEN.

3. SPANISH-LANGUAGE PRESS FAILED TO PRINT LETTER OR MENTION IT. COPY OF FULL TEXT POUCHED ARA/PAN. GONZALEZ

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